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On May 7, 1975, a confidential source advised that from information he has received through acquaintances in Yugoslavia at the death of Tito, if Russian should invade Yugoslavia, the Croatian people would fight Russia, if assistance were given by the United States and if they were assured that the assistance would be sufficient for them to maintain an ability to fight. He stated that if no aid were to be given, they would submit to a Russian takeover without resistance.

Source stated that he had been aware of the case against Andrija Artukovic by the State Department, which is to deport Artukovic back to Yugoslavia. Source stated that he felt that if Artukovic was deported, this would provide a focal point for dissident groups and could cause violent reaction in Yugoslavia as well as possible terrorist activities within the United States. He stated that Artukovic is 72 years old and would be no threat if he is allowed to remain in the United States.

Source advised that he was familiar with some members of the HOP (Croatian Liberation Movement) and stated that most of the individuals belonging to this organization were younger and more militant than the members of the Croatian National Assembly. He stated, however, that he felt that they could be controlled

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and would not become involved in extremist activities.
Source advised that members of the HRB (Croatian Revolutionary Brotherhood) were more radical, however, and he could not predict what their activities might entail.

Source will furnish additional information concerning any possible demonstrations planned by any of the groups.

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